

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

P.O. Box 203 / Holderness, NH 03245

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes September 13, 2016

Members Present: Larry Spencer, Shelagh Connelly, Jenny Evans, Ben Amsden, Anne Packard and Brian Gagnon

Members not Present: Jacquelyn Jewell and Janet Cocchiaro

Staff Present: Nancy Decoteau, Land Use Admin Assistant

Others Present: M. Barnard

CALL TO ORDER:

L. Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:02PM. A quorum was present.

L. Spencer introduced B Gagnon to the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of May 10, 2016 as presented."

Motion: L. Spencer

Second: A. Packard

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 5 yes – 0 No B. Gagnon abstained

OTHER BUSINESS:

L. Spencer noted M. Barnard was present to present an application and moved him forward on the agenda.

M. Barnard stated he was submitting a perched beach application and that if the Conservation Commission signs off on it the review period is not as long.

M. Barnard stated the application is for Map/Lot 239-051-000 on Old Ledge Road and presented the proposal to the board.

The members reviewed the information presented and agreed to have L. Spencer sign the application.

MAIL CHECK:

L. Spencer reviewed the following items in the mail folder:

1. Approval: Shoreland Impact Permit 2016-02077 246-005-000 Stafford / Komarow
2. Approval: Wetlands & Non-site Specific 2016-00826 246-025-000,250-001 Levin
3. Approval: Shoreland Impact Permit 2012-00837 239-051-000 Morello
4. Approval: Shoreland Impact Permit 2016-01142 246-025-000 Levin
5. Construction completed in compliance 2015-03357 101-045-000 Yankovich
6. Shoreland Permit Application 220-036-000 Evans
7. More Info -Shoreland Permit Application 2016-02251 220-036-000 Evans
8. Permit by Notification Town Beach 231-025-000 Town of Holderness
9. Wetlands Permit by Notification 2016-02368 244-004-000 Hodge
10. Incomplete Notice 2016-02368 244-004-000 Hodge
11. Response to Incomplete Notification 2016-02368 244-004-000 Hodge

12. NH Dept of Resources & Economic Dev/Forest & Lands timber Harvest on 4.6 acres at Owl Brook Training Facility
13. FEMA: Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Discovery Meeting for the Winnepesaukee Watershed scheduled for September 27, 2016 at the Gilford Town Hall starting at 10:30am
14. NH Timber Harvesting Council Loggers & Truckers Convention Oct 22, 2016
15. NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative: Small woodlot management Sept 23, 2016
16. NH Timberland Owners Association 2016 Fall Class Schedule UNH
17. NH Timberland Owners Association Log-a-Load for Kids Aug 27, 2016
18. NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists Workshop July 6, 2016
19. NHDES Newsletter / Drinking Water and Groundwater
20. UNH Professional Development & Training Sept 2016 – January 2017
21. NH Tree Farm Committee / Granite State Tree Farmer Newsletter
22. NH Association of Conservation Commissions / Guide to Planning successful Invasive Plant Management
23. National Woodlands Spring 2016 magazine

OLD ITEMS:

Update on Pilote and Town Forests Cuts:

- L. Spencer stated that he sent a letter to the Pilote Trust regarding the status of the project.
- L. Spencer stated the project is on track to be stumped after the 15th of September and after that a contractor will need to go in and mow and seed.
- L. Spencer stated the peripheral trail around the Town Forest has been completed and suggested that the Commission members consider putting signs up and walking the property this Fall.

Status of Northern Pass:

- L. Spencer stated that the status of Northern Pass is still on-going.

Status of Monitoring Reports:

- L. Spencer submitted the Annual Monitoring Inspection Report for the Crawford Non-Access Easement and the Annual Monitoring Inspection Report for the Pemi Riverside Park.
- L. Spencer provided two copies of each report for the Office file and the Field file.
- L. Spencer stated that an annual monitoring report may not need to be done on the Sargent Smith Road, or Town Forest properties.
- L. Spencer suggested an annual monitoring report be done for the Pilote property after the stumping is done.

Status of cooperative efforts with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society:

- L. Spencer stated that progress is being made with the properties they monitor with the SLCS.
- L. Spencer stated they hope to meet with Ann Russell this Fall to discuss what she wants done with the property.
- L. Spencer stated nothing definite has been determined for the property Alex Ray owns.
- L. Spencer stated they are still in communication with Norm Smith regarding his parcel as well.

NEW ITEMS:

Permits by Notification:

L. Spencer stated he signed off on some permits this summer and the NH DES permit will be coming soon.

Fall and Winter Schedule:

L. Spencer stated the next meetings will be held on October 11, November 8 and December 13.

L. Spencer stated the members will need to consider the budget at the October meeting.

Discussion of Rick VanderPol's Report:

L. Spencer stated there are copies of Rick Van de Poll's report on the Smith-Sargent Property available and that he will leave a digital copy at the town office.

L. Spencer reviewed the recommendations listed on page 16 of the report.

- The members agreed to hold off on addressing the beaver trapping issue.
- The members agreed to schedule a time in the spring to manage the invasive species on the property.
- The members agreed that scheduling a time to meet at the Holderness Elementary School and the Holderness Prep School to encourage schools to conduct ongoing research at the site.
- The members agreed to hold off on establishing a small parking area on the site.
- The members discussed nominating the entire wetland system south and west of Smith and Sargent Roads as a prime wetland.

S. Connolly stated consideration should be given to the impact of designating the area as prime wetland will have on the abutting properties.

- L. Spencer agreed that the prime wetland boundaries should be more clearly defined to prevent any potential conflicts and that he would work on doing that.

The members discussed the process and timeline for submitting a warrant article regarding the designation of the prime wetlands.

Discussion of submission to the Record Enterprise:

L. Spencer reviewed a draft article for submission to the Record Enterprise.

The members agreed to some minor changes to the document and that it can be submitted to the Record Enterprise.

L. Spencer asked the members to consider reinvesting the proceeds from the recent cut on trail work on the town properties.

MOTION: "To reserve the proceeds from the cuts on the Town Forest and the Pilote Forest to be reinvested on the town properties."

Motion: B. Amsden

Second: J. Evans

Discussion: S. Connolly informed the members that Meredith Village Savings Bank is offering a grant for which work on the trail system could qualify and that the application deadline is in October. L. Spencer stated he could look into that.

Motion passes: 5 Yes – 0 No S. Connolly abstained.

Scheduling of Open House on Pilote and Town Forests:

The members agreed to schedule an open house on October 15, 2016 from 10:00 A. M. to Noon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

L. Spencer reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the members:

- NH Association of Conservation Commissions on November 12, 2016
- Various courses from the NH cooperative Extension available on their website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Decoteau, Admin Assistant – Land Use